

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following between lines 6 and 8 on page 1 of the specification.

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENT APPLICATION

The present patent application claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 (a)-(d) of German Patent Application No. 102 35 966.0, filed August 6, 2002.--

Please amend line 8 on page 1 of the specification as follows.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, lines 9-11 of the specification as follows.

Field of the Invention: The invention relates to a sausage casing based on fiber-reinforced cellulose hydrate which has no adhesion to the filling, and to use thereof.

Please insert the following between lines 11 and 13 on page 1 of the specification.

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, lines 13-23 of the specification as follows.

Brief Description of the Prior Art: Sausage casings having a coating on their inside to decrease the adhesion to the sausage are generally known in the art. Illustratively, DE-A-1 923 607 discloses a coating of three emulsion components A, B and C for decreasing adhesion to the sausage-meat emulsion and for avoiding fat separation. Component A is an aliphatic compound, inter alia an aliphatic dimeric ketene or aliphatic metal complex, for example stearate-chromium(III) chloride complex compound. Component B is an aliphatic compound having an HLB value of 1 to 10 and component C is a polyoxy ether of a higher aliphatic alcohol having an HLB value greater than 7 and a defined surface tension of less than 50 dyn/cm².